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FOURTEENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PRESIDENT, TREASURER, AND LIBRARIAN

OF THE

Mercantile Library Association

OF THE

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO;

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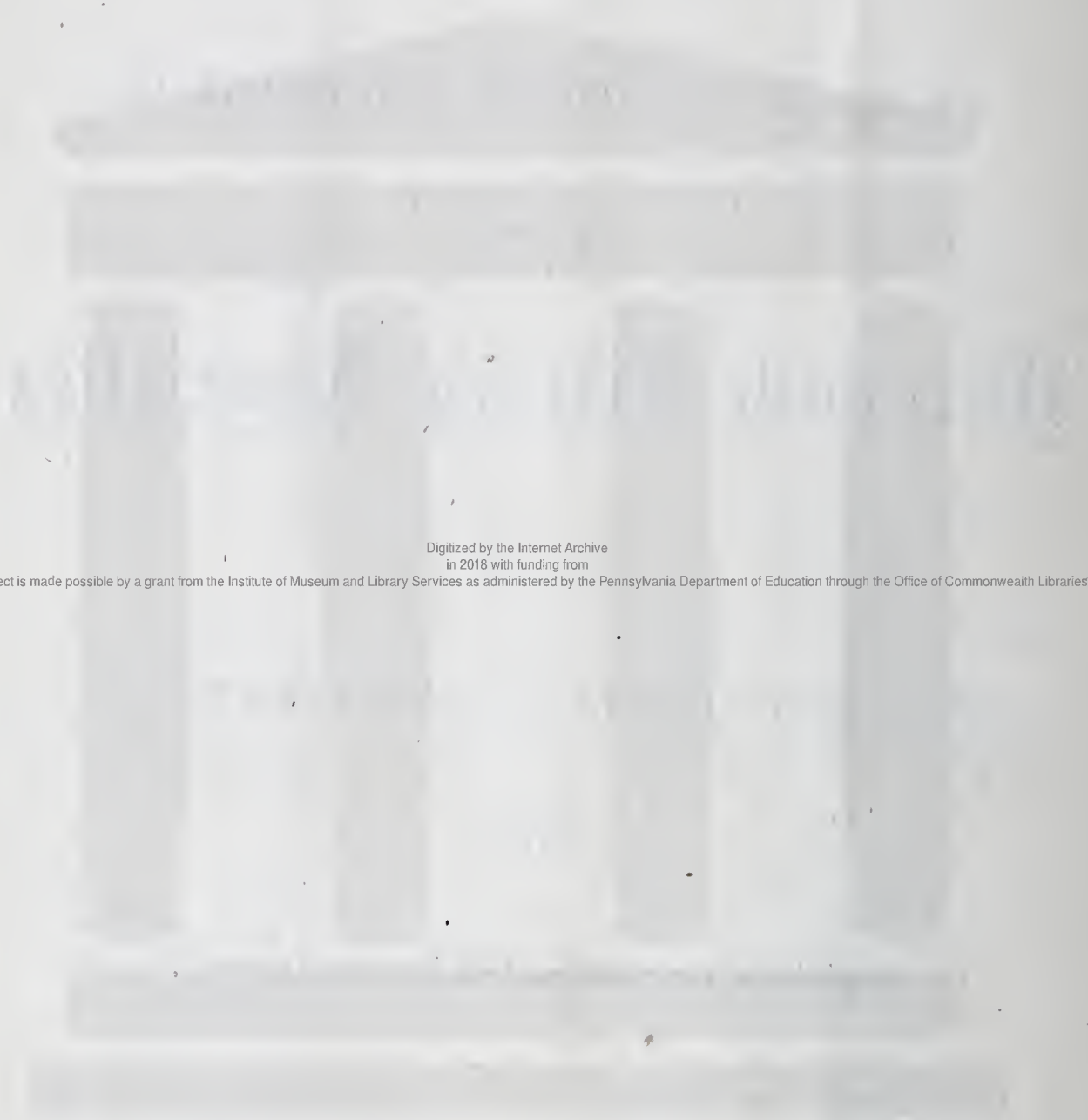
Statistics of the Institution from the commencement.

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FOR 1867.

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President's Annual Report.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION :

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, chosen at the annual election held on Monday, January 15th, 1866, and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honor to present to you the Fourteenth Annual Report of the general doings of the Association, and some suggestions as to the means best calculated to promote its prosperity.

This report is at once our farewell and our inaugural. By your favor, all the Trustees who conducted the affairs of the Association during the past year, and who were willing again to act as such, have been re-elected, without opposition or dissent manifested at the polls ; and now commence the duties and pleasant responsibilities of another year. For the Board, and for myself, I sincerely thank you for the good will thus expressed ; and assure you that your generous confidence shall be one of our chief incentives to bring the important labors of the coming year to a successful conclusion.

MEMBERS.

The last annual statement submitted by our lamented President, Gerrit W. Bell, at the close of his term of office, reported as follows :

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Life Members..... | 117 |
| Honorary Members..... | 75 |
| Subscribing Members..... | 2,006 |

Giving a total at that time of..... 2,198

The whole number of members at present is as follows

| | |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Life Members..... | 302 |
| Honorary Members..... | 76 |
| Subscribing Members | 1,420 |
| Total..... | 1,798 |

This apparent falling off in the number of subscribing members is due to the fact that just before the election of the year 1866, persons became members simply for the purpose of voting for candidates, and had no permanent interest in the Association, or expectation of continuing in it. The only advantage derived from such memberships was the payment into the Treasury of a considerable sum of money ; and this advantage was, in the judgment of all who participated in that election, of little benefit, and was, in fact, more than counterbalanced by the mischiefs arising from such a system of conducting our elections. At the last annual meeting it was recommended to amend the Constitution, so that no member should be entitled to vote at any election for Trustees unless his certificate of membership was dated at least thirty days previous to such election. This recommendation was adopted by the Association at a meeting held on the sixth day of December, 1866 ; and Article III, Sec. 1, of the Constitution was then amended, so as to give effect to your determination on this subject.

BOOKS.

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| The number of volumes reported at the last annual meeting was..... | 19,711 Vols. |
| There have been added during the year by purchase | 1,813 |
| By donation..... | 160 |
| | <hr/> 1,973 “ |
| Total..... | 21,684 “ |
| Less duplicate volumes sold..... | 127 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total volumes in the Library..... | 21,557 |
| showing an increase of 1,864 volumes during the year. | |

The whole number of volumes loaned during the year has been 54,389, classified as follows :

| | |
|------------------------|--------|
| Romance | 38,544 |
| Travels..... | 2,740 |
| Biography | 2,670 |
| Belles Lettres..... | 2,408 |
| History | 2,467 |
| Science | 2,148 |
| Poetry | 1,470 |
| Miscellaneous | 885 |
| Religion..... | 559 |
| Bound Periodicals..... | 498 |

showing an increase of 12,652 volumes over the number loaned the preceding year. This marked advance in the use of the Library by the members demonstrates the growing appreciation of its treasures. The volumes acquired by purchase during the year have been well and carefully selected by the Committee on Books, and among them are many standard and valuable publications ; yet there always has been, and is now, a great want of books of a scientific character. Our Library should be the source and means of acquiring or verifying the facts and principles of natural science and philosophy. The mining engineer, or student, should be enabled to find here a complete library of Geology, especially of that branch of the science with which the great source of our wealth is so intimately connected. The mechanic, the architect, the ship-builder, the artist, and professional man, should have the advantage of using here the standard books of reference on subjects connected with his calling. Of course the popular department must be filled and keep pace with the popular passion for light reading ; but I would suggest that in the future our Book Committees should make it a point to add each year to the Library more works of a scientific and technical character than heretofore, and which shall be preserved and used as books of reference only, in the Library Rooms.

The losses from stealing and mutilation during the year have been considerable, and especially in the Periodical Department. The standing reward of twenty-five dollars for the discovery of the depre-

dators has, as yet, failed to bring them to light. Recently, however, the Librarian has paraded the reward upon each pamphlet exhibited for use, by means of a large label, and with good results. The stealing and mutilation are diminishing somewhat. I would suggest the propriety of your exercising the utmost vigilance, in your visits to the Library, to observe if possible who are the thieving visitors.

ROOMS.

Much might have been done during the past year to add to the decent appearance, if not the comfort of the apartments now occupied by the Association. In view, however, of our comparatively short continuance here, it was thought best to expend as little of our means as possible, and reserve our permanent improvements for our own property. Before the present lease shall have expired, we shall, in all probability, be safely and permanently settled in our new building—under our own vine and fig-tree. And this leads me to the main subject of present interest—

THE NEW LIBRARY BUILDING.

For many reasons, and after much deliberation, the Trustees selected the present site, on Bush street, between Montgomery and Sansom streets. The price of the lot was \$50,000, and has all been paid. The title is perfect, and the property is to-day worth from \$5,000 to \$10,000 more than was paid by the Association for it.

The plans finally adopted for the building were furnished by Messrs. Kenitzer and Farquharson, Architects of the highest standing in this city, and have already been exhibited to you. But it may, nevertheless, be of interest to furnish a brief description of them :

The new building will have a frontage on the north side of Bush street of sixty-eight feet nine inches, with a depth of one hundred and thirty-seven feet six inches. It will be three stories in height, with basement and attic.

The general arrangement contemplates a grand central entrance hall on the ground floor, with wide staircases leading to the Library,

the Reading Rooms, etc., on the first floor, and to a large Lecture Room at the rear of the building, extending the full height of the basement and ground story.

On the first floor is placed the Library, the Reading Room, the Reference Library, the Ladies' Reading Room and Parlor, and Trustees' and Janitor's rooms; and on the second floor, the Chess and Smoking Room, the Writing Room, the Museum, the Store Room for Periodicals, etc.

The attic is arranged in suites of rooms, designed for offices, or chambers for members of the Association.

There will be two stores on the ground floor, one on either side of the main entrance; and in the basement, under these and the entrance hall, there will be a Supper Room, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Dressing Rooms, Waiting Rooms, etc., in connection with the Lecture Room. The stores are each eighteen by fifty feet.

The Library will extend the full width of the front of the building; be fifty-two by sixty-four feet, and twenty feet in clear height. The Chess Room, placed immediately over the Library, will be of the same size, and nineteen feet high. The entrance hall will be twenty-six by fifty feet, and nineteen feet high. The Lecture Room will be fifty-eight by seventy-four feet, and twenty-four feet high. The staircases throughout will be broad and easy of ascent, and with frequent landings. They are arranged nearly in the center of the building, and will be lighted by a ceiling light twenty by forty-five feet.

Care will be taken that all parts of the building shall be thoroughly ventilated. The heating will be by open fire-places; but a hot air furnace room, with all the necessary flues, is provided.

The style of the façade will be modern Italian. It will attain a height of sixty-five feet to the top of the main cornice, and will be crowned by a Mansard roof and iron cresting.

It is intended that the whole of the first story front shall be of iron, together with the whole of the window dressings, cornices, strings and pilasters of the rest of the front; the plain surfaces to be finished in oil mastic. The interior finish will be of white cedar, kiln-dried and varnished; and the doors, stair-finish, and book-cases, of black walnut.

Unless some unforeseen accident should occur to prevent, the next annual meeting will be held beneath the roof of this magnificent structure.

The outgoing Board of the year 1866 placed in the hands of the present Board a list of persons who had subscribed for life memberships, and of donations, amounting to \$20,057, the greater part of which has been collected and passed into the Building Fund. The Treasurer's Report shows in detail the present condition of the finances of the Association, and that they are in a satisfactory condition.

The Board of Trustees, in December last, negotiated a loan of \$100,000 from the Société Française d'Epargnes et de Prévoyance Mutuelle, upon the security of the lot and proposed building. This amount to be advanced as required, and to bear interest only as drawn.

The amount thus borrowed, together with subscriptions, donations, and life memberships, which may be expected, and are now progressing favorably, will furnish abundant means to complete the building and place us in it.

The income of the property, at the lowest estimated rates, will be sufficient to pay the interest on a debt of even \$100,000, and leave a balance of \$600 or \$700 per month as a sinking fund, which, together with life memberships and donations, will with sufficient rapidity extinguish the principal of the mortgage debt.

INSURANCE.

The books, fixtures, and other property of the Association are insured in the following Companies, and for the following amounts :

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Pacific Insurance Company..... | \$15,000 |
| Fireman's Fund Insurance Company..... | 10,000 |
| San Francisco Insurance Company..... | 5,000 |
| Manhattan Insurance Company..... | 5,000 |
| North British and Mercantile Insurance Company..... | 5,000 |
| <hr/> | |
| Total amount insured..... | \$40,000 |

During the year, Mr. H. S. Homans, Corresponding Secretary, resigned, and Mr. Thos. R. Hayes was elected by the Board or Trustees to fill the vacancy thus created.

In November last, Mr. Daniel E. Webb, Librarian, resigned, and left the State. The Trustees elected Mr. A. Stebbins, Librarian, in his place; and Mr. R. S. Clark was appointed Assistant Librarian. The Trustees are well satisfied that the change has been for the benefit of the Association in every way.

The last annual election was held on Monday, January 28th, 1867, at which election the following persons were elected officers for the ensuing year :

- President*.....W. H. L. BARNES.
- Vice President*.....ROBERT B. SWAIN.
- Recording Secretary*.....DAVID WILDER.
- Corresponding Secretary*.....THOS. R. HAYES.
- Treasurer*.....WILLIAM C. RALSTON.

TRUSTEES.

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| WILLIAM G. BADGER, | GEORGE C. SHREVE, |
| ARTHUR M. EBBETS, | GEORGE A. LOW, |
| J. M. McNULTY, | H. H. BIGELOW, |
| WILLIAM E. WOOD, | EUGENE E. DEWEY, |
| FRANK B. REYNOLDS. | |

The year just gone, has left us many agreeable recollections. Our prosperity has been general and uninterrupted.

We have, however, experienced a deep loss in the sudden death of my predecessor in office, GERRIT W. BELL, Esq. This Association never had a better friend or more faithful officer. From the first year of its existence, his friendly face was familiar to its members; his counsels, often sought, were always prudent, and filled with an unflinching interest toward all that concerned its welfare and progress;

while his noble nature, his most remarkable genial manner and Christian graces, won him a multitude of friends in private life, and to-day surround the darkness of his grave with the auroral light of a sincere and lasting regret. He will be long remembered by the Association and his fellow citizens as a faithful public servant, a useful citizen, and a Christian man. May his example have many followers!

WILLIAM H. L. BARNES,

President.

Treasurer's Report

TO THE

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31ST, 1867.

Cash on hand January 19th, 1866—

| | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| General Fund..... | \$6,213 14 | |
| Building Fund..... | 2,700 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$8,913 14 |

RECEIPTS.

| | | |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Assessments from Members..... | \$15,552 25 | |
| Initiation Fees, 254 new Members | 508 00 | |
| Life Memberships, 178..... | 17,800 00 | |
| Library Account— | | |
| Books paid for..... | 67 27 | |
| Donation Account..... | 270 00 | |
| | <hr/> | 34,197 52 |

Building Fund Account—

| | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Transfer from Library Account... | \$2,000 00 | |
| Transfer from Donation Account . | 270 00 | |
| Transfer from Life Membership Ac- | | |
| count..... | 17,800 00 | |
| Sale of Building on Bush street... | 1,083 75 | |
| Loan from French Loan Society.. | 23,731 50 | |
| Rents of Bush street building | 50 00 | |
| Loan from French Loan Society.. | 5,000 00 | |
| | <hr/> | 49,935 25 |

\$93,045 91

DISBURSEMENTS.

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Salary Account— | | |
| Librarian and Assistants..... | \$5,514 20 | |
| Expense Account— | | |
| Rents, Fuel, Gas, etc. | 6,439 49 | |
| Library Account— | | |
| Books, Periodicals, etc., \$2,000 to | | |
| B. F. Account | 6,684 96 | |
| Printing Account— | | |
| Annual Reports, etc. | 340 00 | |
| Furniture Account..... | 21 25 | |
| Insurance Account— | | |
| Forty thousand dollars on Library | 506 05 | |
| Donation Account— | | |
| Transfer to Building Fund Account | 270 00 | |
| Life Membership Account— | | |
| Transfer to Building Fund Account | 17,800 00 | |
| Catalogue Account..... | 93 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$37,669 45 |
| Building Fund Account— | | |
| O. Eldredge, account of lot | \$35,000 00 | |
| D. C. McGlynn | 1,600 00 | |
| Notary fees, surveying, and sundries | 710 60 | |
| | <hr/> | 37,310 60 |
| Cash in the hands of the Treasurer— | | |
| General Fund..... | \$2,741 21 | |
| Building Fund | 15,324 65 | |
| | <hr/> | 18,065 86 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | <u>\$93,045 91</u> |

W. C. RALSTON,
Treasurer.

Librarian's Report.

*To the President and Members of the
Mercantile Library Association :*

GENTLEMEN—I would respectfully submit the following statement of the operations of the Library and Reading Room, from January 22d, 1866, to date.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES LOANED.

| | | | |
|---------------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Romance | 38,544 | Poetry | 1,470 |
| Travels..... | 2,740 | Miscellaneous | 885 |
| Biography | 2,670 | Religion | 559 |
| Belles Lettres..... | 2,408 | Bound Periodicals | 498 |
| History | 2,467 | | |
| Science..... | 2,148 | Total | <u>54,389</u> |

This is an increase of 12,652 volumes over the number loaned the preceding year.

Number of volumes reported as in the Library last year..... 19,711

Number of volumes added to the Library :

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| Purchased | 1,813 | |
| Donated | 160 | |
| | | <u>1,973</u> |
| Total..... | | <u>21,684</u> |
| Number of duplicate volumes sold..... | 127 | |
| | | <u>21,557</u> |
| Total now in the Library..... | | <u>21,557</u> |

DONATIONS.

Books, etc., have been presented to the Association as follows :

| | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HON. D. C. McRUER, | { | Message and Documents, 3 vols. |
| | | Commerce and Navigation, 2 vols. |
| | | Smithsonian Report. |
| | | Report of War Department, 1 vol. |
| | | Contested Elections, 1 vol. |
| | | Commercial Relations. |
| | | Report of Commissioner Internal Rev. |
| | | Public Documents, 7 vols. |
| | | Acts and Resolutions, 39th Congress. |
| HON. JOHN CONNESS, . | | Public Documents, 22 vols. |
| ZENAS WHEELER, | | Quartz Operator's Handbook. |
| HON. J. D. BALDWIN, . | | Catalogue of Library of Congress, 1864. |
| JAS. T. DOYLE, | | Cobbett's Parliamentary Debates, 46 vols. |
| S. C. BIGELOW, | | Bust of T. Starr King. |
| RICHARD GIRD, | | Map of Arizona Territory. |
| A. D. BACHE, | { | Report of Coast Survey, 1863. |
| | | Report of Secretary Navy, 1865. |
| JNO. SWETT, | { | Report of Superintendent of Public In- |
| | | struction, 1864. |
| DR. R. W. WOOD, | { | Practice of Physic, 1633. |
| | | Rev. J. L. Porter's "Travels in Georgia, Armenia, and Persia," 2 vols. 4to. |
| A. MCCARTNEY AND MOSES BRUHL, | { | Boswell's Johnson, 4 vols. |
| | | Vanity Fair. |
| HON. J. R. BARTLETT, . | | Records of Rhode Island, vol. 10. |
| DEWEY & CO., | | File of "Mining Press," from July, 1865. |
| MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, NEW YORK, | { | Catalogue, 1866. |
| | | |
| I. E. ANDREWS, | | Copy of N. E. Journal, April 8, 1728. |
| HORACE DAVIS, | | Emile Souvestre, 2 vols. |
| J. G. FORMAN, | | Western Sanitary Commission. |
| W. H. L. BARNES, | | New Briton Guide. |
| J. N. HOAG, | | Report Agricultural Society, 6 vols. |
| J. W. NYSTROM, | | Technological Education. |
| CHAS. R. CLARKE, | | New School Geography. |
| J. ROSS BROWNE, | | American Family in Germany, 4 copies. |

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| J. S. BUTLER, | { De la verité de la religion chrétienne, 1582. |
| | { Weld's Travels in North America, 1795- 96-97, 2 vols. |
| CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, | { Municipal Reports, City of San Francis- co, 1865-6. |
| PUBLIC LIBRARY, CITY OF BOSTON,..... | { Index of Catalogue of Books in the Bates Hall. |
| C. H. WAKELEE,..... | California Register, 1857 and 1859. |
| LAWRENCE & HOUSE- WORTH, | { Thirty Photographic Views of Big Trees and Yosemite Valley. |
| REV. H. A. SAWTELLE,.. | Polymetis, 1747. Quarto. |

The several publishers of newspapers of this city and coast have kindly furnished us gratuitously with files of their publications.

The whole number of members at present belonging to this Association is 1,798, of which 302 are life members, 76 honorary members, and 1,420 subscribing members.

It will be seen that there is an apparent falling off in the number of subscribing members. This is merely the reactionary result of the energetic election fever of last year. By reason of the emulation displayed there were many individuals who became members at the expense of active partisanship, who never paid dues themselves, and never had more than a passing interest in the Association.

When their first quarter had expired these voters discontinued their connection with the Library, and were virtually never working men in the institution. The only benefit conferred on the Association by the increase of members as stated, was in the paying into the treasury of some thousands of dollars, which came from the generous disposition of the candidates rather than from the nominal members who received the consideration therefor.

By the payment of one hundred dollars each, the following named gentlemen have become Life Members since the last report :

| | |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Adams, W. J. | Aron, Joseph |
| Agard, W. B. | Atherton, F. D. |
| Alvord, W. | Averill, Anson |

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| Babcock, H. S. | Bigelow, S. C. |
| Baby, T. R. | Blackwood, W. |
| Bacon, Jacob | Bode, George C. |
| Badger, W. K. | Bond, Charles R. |
| Baldwin, A. R. | Boswell, L. B. |
| Banks, T. C. | Bradshaw, T. T. |
| Barker, T. L. | Bray, W. A. |
| Barroilhet, H. | Brewster, Benjamin |
| Barron, W. E. | Brooks, C. W. |
| Baugh, T. E. | Brooks, G. J. |
| Bell, G. W. | Brooks, Noah |
| Bensley, J. | Bull, Alpheus |
| Bermingham, J. | Burling, W. |
| Bichard, N. | |
| | |
| Campbell, J. W. H. | Crane, H. A. |
| Castle, F. L. | Crane, E. I. |
| Church, A. S. | Cronise, W. H. V. |
| Coghill, W. N. | Cummings, W. B. |
| Conklin, D. | Cunningham, F. |
| Coon, H. P. | Cutter, H. F. |
| Cox, M. B. | |
| | |
| Davis, Isaac E. | Dodge, H. L. |
| Day, Anna A. | Dodge, W. W. |
| Deering, J. H. | Donohoe, J. A. |
| Dewey, E. E. | Dore, Maurice |
| Dibblee, Albert | Doty, W. R. |
| Dick, David | Doyle, J. R. |
| Dick, S. W. | Doe, J. S. |
| Dickenson, O. | Duisenberg, Charles |
| | |
| Earl, John O. | Ellis, Moses |
| Eastland, J. G. | Elwell, D. A. |
| Eells, Jas. (D.D.) | Emeric, H. |
| Elam, R. H. | Emeric, J. |
| Eldredge, Oliver | |
| | |
| Farnum, Mrs. L. A. | Friedlander, I. |
| Forrester, H. B. | |

Gammans, G. B.
 Gawley, Wm. H.
 Gibbs, George W.
 Giffin, O. F.
 Grain, F. H.

Hall, E. F.
 Harris, A. H.
 Hartshorne, B. M.
 Hassey, F. A.
 Hawley, W. N.
 Hayward, A.
 Hickox, G. C.
 Hochofler, R.
 Hollub, A.

Johnson, J. C.

King, H. L.
 Kittle, N. G.

Ladd, W. F.
 Landry, N.
 Latham, J. K. S.
 Lee, H. C.
 Lewis, R. P.
 Linforth, J.

McCune, J. N.
 McLane, Louis
 McLean, John T.
 McMahan, F. P.
 McCreery, A. B.

Newhall, H. M.

Otis, James

Parker, George A.
 Parrott, J.
 Parrott, T.

Gray, Matthias
 Green, S. H.
 Greenhood, H.
 Grogan, A. B.

Hooper, J. A.
 Horn, B. C.
 Hosmer, Charles
 Howard, George H.
 Howard, H. O.
 Howes, E. K.
 Homans, H. S.
 Howes, George
 Howes, Jabez

Jones, M. P.

Knight, D.
 Knight, S.

Livermore, H. P.
 Locke, S. M.
 Lord, C. P.
 Low, C. L.
 Lyons, John

Macondray, W. A.
 Marks, Edmund
 Marks, T. E.
 Maynard, L.
 Moody, J. L.

Patrick, J. C.
 Pease, E. T.
 Pinkham, Seth

Rakow, F. A.
 Ramsdell, B. H.
 Rankin, Ira P.
 Raymond, George A.
 Redington, J. H.
 Reynolds, F. B.

Sanderson, George H.
 Sanderson, L. A.
 Saunders, Jno. H.
 Scranton, C. E.
 Seligman, A.
 Skae, John

Taylor, Peter

Underhill, Jacob

Wakelee, H. P.
 Walrath, A.
 Watson, S. B.
 Ward, George W.
 Weaver, P. L.
 Weeks, E. J.
 Weill, A.

Rice, D. W. C.
 Roberts, J. B.
 Robins, J. J.
 Rogers, R. H.
 Roman, A.

Smith, Theodore E.
 Sneath, R. G.
 Stevens, Levi
 Stow, J. W.
 Suydam, J. N.
 Swain, R. B.

Treadwell, L. L.

Weill, R.
 Whitmore, H. M.
 Whittier, W. F.
 Williams, H. B.
 Wilmerding, J. C.
 Woodward, W. A.

TABULAR STATISTICS,

SHOWING THE PROGRESS OF THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,
FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, IN JANUARY, 1853, TO JANUARY, 1867.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

| Year. | Receipts. | Expenditures. | Year. | Receipts. | Expenditures. |
|-----------|------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|
| 1853..... | \$10,858 50..... | \$10,726 51 | 1860..... | 15,604 50..... | 16,482 20 |
| 1854..... | 13,387 30..... | 11,838 02 | 1861..... | 15,852 98..... | 15,112 22 |
| 1855..... | 9,015 85..... | 8,747 96 | 1862..... | 15,333 26..... | 13,506 79 |
| 1856..... | 10,300 00..... | 8,989 27 | 1863..... | 14,601 75..... | 14,460 40 |
| 1857..... | 11,777 87..... | 12,474 73 | 1864..... | 17,641 12..... | 16,106 39 |
| 1858..... | 12,089 15..... | 11,704 09 | 1865..... | 20,259 00..... | 16,469 71 |
| 1859..... | 16,854 82..... | 19,045 16 | 1866..... | 84,132 77..... | 74,980 05 |

GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF EACH YEAR.

| Year. | No. of Volumes. | Year. | No. of Volumes. |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 1853..... | 1,500 | 1861..... | 13,821 |
| 1854..... | 2,705 | 1862..... | 14,985 |
| 1855..... | 3,315 | 1863..... | 15,106 |
| 1856..... | 3,833 | 1864..... | 16,620 |
| 1857..... | 6,135 | 1865..... | 18,095 |
| 1858..... | 8,447 | 1866..... | 19,711 |
| 1859..... | 10,066 | 1867..... | 21,557 |
| 1860..... | 11,485 | | |

INCREASE OF MEMBERS.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF EACH YEAR.

| Year. | No. of Members. | Year. | No. of Members. |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 1854..... | 392 | 1861..... | 1,694 |
| 1855..... | 552 | 1862..... | 1,725 |
| 1856..... | 550 | 1863..... | 1,786 |
| 1857..... | 1,250 | 1864..... | 1,435 |
| 1858..... | 1,176 | 1865..... | 1,650 |
| 1859..... | 1,319 | 1866..... | 2,198 |
| 1860..... | 1,817 | 1867..... | 1,798 |

OPERATIONS OF THE LIBRARY.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES TAKEN OUT.

| Year. | No. of Volumes. | Year. | No. of Volumes. |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 1854..... | 3,371 | 1861..... | 31,955 |
| 1855..... | 8,367 | 1862..... | 31,464 |
| 1856..... | 10,466 | 1863..... | 35,702 |
| 1857..... | 17,528 | 1864..... | 40,136 |
| 1858..... | 17,321 | 1865..... | 41,737 |
| 1859..... | 21,903 | 1866..... | 54,389 |
| 1860..... | 25,757 | | |

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LIST OF MAGAZINES AND PERIODICALS.

MAGAZINES.

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| All the Year Round, | Galaxy, |
| American Journal of Horticulture, | Godey's Lady's Book, |
| Artizan, | Good Words, |
| Art Journal, | Hall's Journal, |
| Athenæum, | Harper's, |
| Atlantic, | Hunt's, |
| Annales des Mines, | Insurance Monitor, |
| Banker's, (American) | Journal Franklin Institute, |
| Banker's, (English) | Littell's Living Age, |
| Belgravia, | London Quarterly Review, |
| Bentley's, | " Society, |
| Blackwood, | Mechanic's, |
| Braithwaite's, | Nature and Art, |
| British Trade Journal, | North American Review, |
| Builder, | North British Review, |
| Civil Engineer, | Once a Week, |
| Chambers' Journal, | Pacific Law Magazine, |
| California Teacher, | Pacific Medical Journal, |
| Contemporary Review, | Philosophical Journal, |
| Cornhill, | Phrenological Journal, |
| De Bow's Review, | Revue des deux Mondes, |
| Demorest's, | Revue Universelle des Mines, |
| Dublin University, | Sharpe's, |
| Eclectic, | Silliman's Journal, |
| Edinburgh Review, | Sixpenny, |
| Every Saturday, | St. James, |
| Fortnightly Review, | Temple Bar, |
| Fraser's, | Westminster Review. |
| Frank Leslie's, | |

ILLUSTRATED PAPERS.

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| Australian News, | Fun, |
| Budget of Fun, | Harper's Weekly, |
| Comic Monthly, | Journal Amusant, |
| Frank Leslie's Weekly, | Journal pour Rire, |

London News,
 London Times,
 Melbourne Post,
 Nick Nax,

Punch,
 Yankee Notions
 Zeitung.

FOREIGN PAPERS.

Australasian,
 Australian Files,
 Dublin Nation,
 Glasgow Citizen,
 Hawaiian Gazette,
 Honolulu Advertiser,
 Le Siècle,
 Liverpool Times,
 London Bell's Life,
 " Chemical News,
 " Era,
 " Examiner,

London Evening Mail,
 " Engineer,
 " Field,
 " Mining Journal,
 " News of the World,
 " Saturday Review,
 " Public Opinion,
 " Spectator,
 New Zealand Herald,
 Sydney Mail,
 Toronto Globe.

EASTERN PAPERS.

New York American Artisan,
 " Albion,
 " Army and Navy Journal,
 " Clipper,
 " Country Gentleman,
 " Courrier des Etats Unis,
 " Dispatch,
 " Evening Post,
 " Herald, (steamer)
 " Home Journal,
 " Independent,
 " Irish American,
 " Journal of Commerce,
 " Leader,
 " Ledger,
 " Mercury,
 " Round Table,
 " Scientific American,
 " Scottish American,
 " Spirit of the Times,
 " Staats Zeitung,
 " Sunday Mercury,
 " Sunday Times,
 " Times, (daily)
 " Tribune, (weekly)
 " Turf, Field, and Farm,
 " World, (weekly)
 Boston Banner of Light,
 " Gazette,

Boston Flag of our Union,
 " Journal,
 " Post,
 " Transcript,
 " Waverly Magazine,
 Albany Journal,
 Buffalo Journal,
 Baltimore American,
 " Commercial,
 Bangor Courier,
 Cincinnati Commercial,
 Charleston Mercury,
 Chicago Republican,
 Columbus Statesman,
 Connecticut Courant,
 Detroit Journal,
 Dubuque Times,
 Indiana State Journal,
 Knoxville Whig,
 Louisville Journal,
 Memphis Argus,
 Missouri Democrat,
 " Republican,
 Mobile Register,
 National Intelligencer,
 Newark Sentinel,
 New Orleans Picayune,
 New Haven Palladium,
 Ohio Statesman,

Philadelphia Forney's Press,
 " Home Weekly
 " Saturday Evening Post,
 Pittsburg Gazette,
 Portland Transcript,

Rhode Island Journal,
 Richmond Examiner,
 Savannah Republican,
 Springfield Republican,
 Washington Chronicle.

PACIFIC COAST.

Daily Alta California,
 " Abend Post,
 " British Colonist,
 " California Democrat,
 " Courier de San Francisco,
 " Dramatic Chronicle,
 " Evening Bulletin,
 " Evening Dispatch,
 " Grass Valley Union,
 " Marysville Appeal,
 " Morning Call,
 " Nevada Transcript,
 " " Gazette,
 " Oakland News,
 " Oregonian,
 " Sacramento Union,
 " Stockton Independent,
 " Times,
 " Trespass,
 Semi-Weekly Inquirer,
 Alpine Miner,
 Arizona Gazette,
 " Miner,
 American Unionist,
 Banner of Progress,
 Butte Record,
 Californian,
 California Farmer,
 Christian Advocate,
 Colusa Sun,
 Chico Courant,
 Calaveras Chronicle,
 Contra Costa Gazette,
 Clear Lake Courier,
 Columbia Citizen,
 Commercial Record,
 Deseret News,
 Elevator,
 Folsom Telegraph,
 Golden Era,
 Guide,

Hebrew,
 Hebrew Observer,
 Humboldt Journal,
 Irish News,
 L'Eco della Patria,
 Le National,
 Lyon County Sentinel,
 Marin County Journal,
 Mariposa Mail,
 Mercantile Gazette,
 Meadow Lake Sun,
 Mining and Scientific Press,
 Monitor,
 Montana Democrat,
 " Gazette,
 New Age,
 News Letter,
 Oregon Herald,
 " Statesman,
 " State Journal,
 Occidental and Vanguard,
 Pacific,
 Pacific Tribune,
 Petaluma Journal,
 Quincy Union,
 Rescue,
 Spirit of the Times,
 San Andreas Register,
 San José Mercury,
 Santa Cruz Sentinel,
 Santa Cruz and Pajaro Times,
 San Mateo Gazette,
 Solano Herald,
 " Press,
 Sonoma Democrat,
 Spectator,
 Salt Lake Union Vidette,
 Sonora Herald,
 Sunday Mercury,
 Temperance Banner,
 Trinity Journal,

Visalia Delta,
Vallejo Recorder,
Wilmington Journal,
Woodland News,

Woodbridge Messenger,
Weekly British Colonist,
Yreka Journal.

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